

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	08 December 2000
Name of applicant/court:	Christian Heritage Party
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Suicide And How To Do It/Last Call
Other Known Titles:	Craccum Issue Two 2000; Craccum
Director:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Auckland University Students Association
Authors:	Ben Thomas, James Cardno, Tim Selwyn
Editors	Ben Thomas, James Cardno
Format:	Magazine Articles
Country of Origin:	New Zealand
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine articles entitled *Suicide And How To Do It/Last Call* also known as *Craccum Issue Two 2000* and *Craccum* have been classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

The two articles are linked through the subject of suicide. The first article is a cautionary piece where ten means of suicide are described in terms of the self harm they would cause. The second article is an opinion piece which advocates the right of the individual to commit suicide. The articles were published in the Auckland University Student Association publication *Craccum* and were intended to create debate around the issue of suicide which affects a high proportion of young people.

The publication has been considered under s3(3)(a)(i) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and has been found to present the infliction of serious physical harm to a high extent and degree but in a variable manner. It does this through the use of strong descriptions and graphic photographs. As such the publication is considered to be injurious to the public good if made available to young people and thereby potentially damaging to society.

The Classification Office must apply the legislative criteria to this publication in a manner consistent with the provisions of ss5 and 6 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The limitation on availability of the publication is reasonable, no more than necessary to prevent the injury to the public good.

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